



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FOR

ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING SERVICES

Submittals Due
May 4, 2022

LARAMIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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Advertisement:

Laramie County seeks to contract with one or more firms for consulting services in the areas of land development review, drainage engineering, traffic engineering, floodplain management, construction inspection, development planning, comprehensive land use planning, and land surveying.

Consultants will be required on an as-needed basis to provide the aforementioned services to Laramie County.

Please submit your firm's qualification statement and cost proposal outlining the services requested by the County. More information on the proposal requirements and qualifications are listed later in this document. The County will make a selection based on the proposals received proving the ability of the agency to meet the schedule and needs of the County.

Proposals shall be received by email (subject line: Engineering RFP Proposal for "Firm Name") to molly.bennett@laramiecountywy.gov by **May 4, 2022 by 2:00PM.**

Scope of Services (including but not limited to):

Laramie County is seeking a consultant who can accomplish the following under the direction and supervision of the Laramie County Director of Public Works and the Planning and Development Program Manager:

Development Review

- 1) Review of site plans and similar development applications.
- 2) Preparation of engineering-specific Conditions of Approval related to site plans and subdivision permit applications.
- 3) Review of subdivision plat applications for conformance with the State and County regulations.
- 4) Review of subdivision, site and development improvement plans for both onsite improvements and public right-of-way improvements for compliance with grading, drainage, WYPDES, transportation and County design standards.
- 5) Review of hydrology maps and hydraulic calculations for private and public storm drain systems for compliance with State and County requirements.

- 6) Review of engineer's estimates for public and private improvements that may be subject to bonding requirements, verification of quantities and preparation of fee calculations.
- 7) Proactively communicating with private developers and associated design professionals by telephone, e-mail, written correspondence, and face-to-face meetings at the County or consultant offices, whichever is requested by the applicant, to discuss plan check review comments.
- 8) Review of NEPA documents, geotechnical investigations, traffic studies, and similar engineering reports to understand issues that may impact the design of private subdivision or development improvements, and/or public streets or utility infrastructure.
- 9) Preparation of reports to the Board regarding engineering issues.
- 10) Other assignments not specifically listed above but required during the engineering review of development applications.
- 11) Assignments shall be completed to meet specified deadlines. Firms and individuals shall demonstrate sufficient depth of resources to assure timely service delivery and redundant capability.

Floodplain Management

- 1) Review all development permit applications to determine the permit requirements of the regulations have been satisfied.
- 2) Review all development permit applications to determine all necessary permits have been obtained from Federal, State, or local governmental agencies from which prior approval is required.
- 3) Review all development permit applications to determine if the proposed development is located in the floodway. If located in the floodway, assure the encroachment provisions are met.
- 4) When base flood elevation data have not been provided in accordance with the regulations, obtain, review, and reasonably utilize any base flood elevation and floodway data available as criteria for requiring that new construction, substantial improvements, or other development in Zone A are administered in accordance with the regulation's Specific Standards.
- 5) Identify maintenance specifications for altered or relocated portions of watercourses so that flood-carrying capacity is not diminished.
- 6) Provide interpretation as to the location of F.I.R.M. boundaries of the Areas of Special Flood Hazard.

- 7) Assist the County with the Community Rating System (CRS) program. This could include compiling information, reports for compliance purposes and any other needs related to the County CRS program. Note: The Community Rating System (CRS) is a voluntary program for National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)-participating communities.

Projects and misc. needs for Public Works:

The Consultant's role will be to support County staff by performing engineering and technical design work for the construction of Civil Engineering projects. These projects could include but are not limited to: retaining walls, slope stabilizations, pavement rehabilitation, culvert rehabilitation, bio-retention and drainage projects, structural design, and other roadway and drainage related design tasks; and to perform related duties as required.

All plans and drawings must be done using AutoCAD 2020, or an earlier version. All engineering design data shall be provided in a format that integrates with the latest version of ArcGIS. All design data using said programs shall be made available to Laramie County upon request and shall become the property of Laramie County for active and future projects. Plans, specifications, and project related documents must be completed according to current County and/or State and/or Federal standards.

All work shall be done under the direction of a Professional Engineer licensed in the State of Wyoming.

The work to be performed may include, but is not limited to, any or all of the following:

1. Initial project planning, including identifying key milestones, scope description and design, delivery schedule
2. Assisting County staff with project documentation for Division Manager, Department Head and Board of Supervisors approval
3. Preparation of technical specifications using the County's style and formatting
4. Preparation of plans, technical specifications, bid documents, project manual etc. using the County's standards
5. Bid support and construction administration including Construction Inspection Services specific to county roads, development improvements and other appurtenances as designated by the Public Works Director
6. Land Surveying Services: General survey work including, but not limited to, records research, road location survey, encroachments, monumentation, plat preparation and construction-oriented work
7. Solicitation and management of subconsultants and vendors needed to support design (material testing, potholing, bores, geotechnical, etc.)
8. Pavement management plan support (to include design and review)

9. Design of footings, retaining walls or other structures
10. Drainage/erosion control design
11. Provide general current and comprehensive planning assistance as needed including, but not limited to:
 - a. Review of development submittals for planning issues.
 - b. Review of development submittals for conformance with comprehensive plan.
 - c. Preparation of zoning and regulation changes as needed.
 - d. Preparation of reports and presentations to the Planning Commission and Board as necessary.

Fee, Rates, and Estimated Costs:

The services of this RFP will be provided on an hourly basis. The County may seek to negotiate with the firm prior to award of the contract. Fee proposals shall include:

- 1) Hourly rates to be used.
- 2) Itemized list of fees for additional services.

All fee proposals shall include all insurance required by the County, printing, mailing, documentation, reporting, office overhead, profit, etc.

Should contract negotiations with the selected firm be unsuccessful, the County reserves the right to move to the next firm and begin negotiations.

Qualifications:

The County will retain the services of one or more consulting firm specializing in engineering and land surveying that demonstrate expertise in the services listed herein.

Qualifications or expectations to be considered:

- 1) Professional experience and technical competence of the firm and individuals to be assigned with respect to the scope of services.
- 2) The capacity and capability of the firm to perform the work in question within the time limitations fixed for completion of each assigned project.
- 3) Past record of performance with respect to such factors such as control of costs, quality of work and ability to meet schedules.
- 4) A successful track record, as measured by complexity of engagements and number of years in the field.
- 5) Demonstration of knowledge of Wyoming practices.
- 6) Ability to respond to requests on short notice.
- 7) Licensed to perform engineering and surveying services in the State of Wyoming.

Proposal Requirements:

The proposal should include the following information:

- 1) A letter of introduction.
- 2) A narrative describing the company size, organization, locations, experiences or expertise, names and qualifications/credentials of individuals who will provide services.
- 3) List or examples of similar work or projects completed along with list of references (include names and phone numbers). Include as many as possible specific to other municipalities.
- 4) A narrative describing abilities to respond and perform at a level above the competition.
- 5) Non-proprietary samples of comparable or similar projects.
- 6) Proposed fee structure for this type of engagement.
- 7) Indicate any and all areas of specialty your firm may practice.

Five copies of the proposal should be delivered by 2:00 p.m., May 4, 2022, to:

Molly Bennett, Director of Public Works
13797 Prairie Center Circle, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009
molly.bennett@laramiecountywy.gov

Questions may be directed to Molly Bennett at (307) 633-4302.

The submission of proposals become public records and may be viewed upon request.

It is the responsibility of the respondent to ensure that their responses are received on or before the submission date and time. Allow sufficient delivery time to ensure receipt by the date and time specified.

CLARIFICATIONS OR SUPPLEMENTS TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: In the event that it becomes necessary to revise any part of this RFP, a notice of any clarifications will be emailed to each respondent who received the original RFP at the required website. It is the responsibility of respondents, prior to submission date, to inquire as to addenda issued and to ensure their response reflects any and all changes. The County will maintain a register of holders of this RFP via the required website. Laramie County will accept questions until **April 26, 2022** and will respond to all questions to all firms who have requested proposal by end of day **April 28, 2022**.

INCURRING COSTS: The County is not liable for any cost incurred by respondents prior to issuance of a legally executed contract. No property interest, of any nature, shall accrue until a contract is awarded and signed by all concerned parties.

RFP CANCELLATION: The County reserves the right to cancel this Request for Proposal at any time, without penalty.

NON-DISCRIMINATION: The respondent shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws, rules and regulations involving non-discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, or sexual orientation.

AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS: Financial obligations of the County payable after the current fiscal year are contingent upon funds for that purpose being appropriated, budgeted, and otherwise made available. In the event funds are not appropriated, any resulting contract will become null and void, without penalty to the County.

Evaluation and Award:

- 1) The RFP is designed to be a competitive negotiation platform, where price is not the sole determinative factor.
- 2) The evaluation team will be composed of the Director of Public Works and the County Planning and Development Program Manager.
- 3) The proposals will be reviewed within the context of specific experience in the disciplines required.
- 4) The County may require additional information, documentation, or additional data to clarify or elaborate on materials submitted.

Additional Conditions:

- 1) The successful respondent will be expected to enter into a contract, including insurance requirements, with Laramie County upon terms acceptable to the County. The contents of this RFP, the respondent responses to same and all provisions of the successful qualifier deemed pertinent by the County may be incorporated into a contract and become legally binding.
- 2) The County reserves the right to award the contract to the respondent(s) that the County deems to offer the best overall proposal(s). The County is therefore not bound to accept a proposal on the basis of lowest price. The County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted and/or to waive or ignore any irregularities and/or omissions in any submission and to accept any proposal, portion of proposal, combination of proposal and or to reject or accept any proposal for any reason in its discretion.
- 3) The County at its sole discretion, reserves the right to cancel this RFP, to modify the services sought, to reject any and all proposals, to waive any and all informalities and/or irregularities, or to re-advertise with either the identical or revised specifications, if it is deemed to be in the best interest of the County to do so. The County also reserves the right to make multiple awards, based on experience and qualifications if it is deemed to be in the County's best interest.

- 4) Laramie County does not waive its Governmental/Sovereign Immunity, as provided by any applicable law including W.S. § 1-39-101 et seq., by issuing this Request and/or entering into any agreement with any successful respondent. Further, Laramie County fully retains all immunities and defenses provided by law with regard to any action, whether in tort, contract or any other theory of law, based on this RFP and any subsequent agreement(s).
- 5) Any errors or omissions discovered in this request for proposal, or any additional information needed to clarify any issues in the request, will be communicated to all firms who have expressed an interest in the engagement. The communication will amend the requests accordingly.
- 6) If a respondent discovers any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, exclusionary specifications, omission, or other error in this document, the respondent shall immediately notify the County's representative. If respondent fails to notify the County of any error, ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, exclusionary specifications, or omission in this RFP, the respondent shall submit a response at its own risk and under such conditions. If the respondent is awarded a contract, then such respondent will not be entitled to additional compensation, relief, or time by reason of the error or its later correction.
- 7) It is incumbent upon each respondent to carefully examine all specifications, terms, and conditions contained herein and in all referenced data and documents. Any inquiries, suggestions, or requests concerning interpretation, clarification or additional information shall be made in writing, through the County contact named above. The County will not be responsible for any oral representation(s) given by any employee, representative or others. The issuance of a written addendum is the only official method by which interpretation, clarification or additional information can be given.
- 8) Respondents are advised that Laramie County is a governmental entity in the State of Wyoming. Public Works projects, such as that referenced herein, carried out by governmental entities are subject to certain legal and regulatory requirements which may or may not be applicable to private entities. Any contract with a successful respondent will contain a requirement to monitor and secure compliance on the project with all applicable laws and regulations including, but not limited to, those contained in Wyoming statute W.S. § 16-6-101 et seq.
- 9) If it becomes necessary for the County to revise or amend any part of this RFP, notice may be obtained by accessing the County website. Respondents in their proposal must acknowledge receipts of amendments. Each respondent should ensure that they have received all addenda and amendments to this RFP before submitting their proposal. Please check the Laramie County web site at <https://www.laramiecountywy.gov/> for a copy of the RFP and addenda.

- 10) All proposals submitted in response to this request become property of the County and public records, so they may be subject to public review. The laws of Wyoming require that the contents of all proposals shall be placed in the public domain and be open to inspection by interested parties. Trade secrets or proprietary information that are recognized as such and are protected by law may be withheld if clearly identified as such in the proposal. The respondent must mark in bold red letters the term “CONFIDENTIAL” on that part of the response, which the respondent believes to be confidential. The respondent may be required to submit in writing specific detailed reasons, including any relevant legal authority, stating why the respondent believes the material to be confidential. Vague and general claims as to confidentiality will not be accepted. Laramie County will be the sole judge as to whether a claim is general and/or vague in nature. The entire proposal cannot be designated as proprietary or a trade secret. If a request is received to examine portions designated as proprietary or a trade secret, Laramie County will notify the respondent to permit the respondent to defend the proprietary nature of the information.
- 11) The County reserves the right to request additional information, or request clarification, or reject in its sole discretion any and all proposals. Firms may submit a joint proposal.
- 12) Invalidity: If any provision of this RFP is held invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, or if the County is advised of any such actual or potential invalidity or inability to enforce, such holding or advice shall not invalidate or render unenforceable any other provision hereof. It is the express intent of that the provisions of this RFP are fully severable.
- 13) By submitting in response to this RFP, respondent agrees and understands that this RFP as well as any subsequent agreements shall be governed by and interpreted pursuant to the laws of the State of Wyoming. If any dispute arises between the parties from or concerning this RFP or the subject matter hereof, any suit or proceeding at law or in equity shall be brought in the District Court of the State of Wyoming, First Judicial District, sitting at Cheyenne, Wyoming. The foregoing provisions of this paragraph are agreed by the parties to be a material inducement to Responders and to County. This provision is not intended nor shall it be construed to waive County’s governmental immunity as provided in this Agreement.